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SUBJECT: BAHRAIN: ENCOURAGING ARAB DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH IRAQ AND POSITIVE PUBLIC STATEMENTS

REF: A. STATE 107980

[B](#). MANAMA 810

[C](#). STATE 103222

Classified by Ambassador William T. Monroe for reasons 1.4
(b) and (d).

[1](#). (C) The Ambassador June 11 delivered Ref A demarche concerning encouraging Arab diplomatic relations with Iraq and positive public statements to Minister of State for Foreign Affairs/Information Minister Mohammed Abdul Ghaffar. Abdul Ghaffar concurred that it was important to support the Iraqi government, noting that he had met with the Iraqi Minister of Information at the Arab Ministers of Information meeting in Cairo the previous week. He affirmed that Foreign Minister Shaikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa would lead the Bahraini delegation at the June 21-22 U.S.-EU international conference on Iraq in Brussels.

[2](#). (C) Per Ref B, the Ambassador June 7 delivered Ref C demarche requesting that Bahrain enhance its relations with Iraq to Shaikh Mohammed. Shaikh Mohammed stated that Bahrain would continue to find opportunities to publicly express its support for Iraq and the Iraqi Transitional Government.

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